



Northampton School for Boys

An independent Academy for the Town and County



Dear Parent/Carer

As we come to the end of term, I would like to take the opportunity to update you on the plans for the opening of Northampton School (NS) to its first Year Group (Year 7) in September on the NSB School site.

The vast majority of NS lessons will take place in the nine temporary NS classrooms currently being erected near the NSB Cricket Pavilion. There will be a minority of NS lessons which will take place in NSB specialist practical classrooms when NSB lessons are not timetabled into them. NS is fully staffed with specialist teachers across all subjects and the NS timetable has been carefully planned to ensure it doesn't impact on NSB students in terms of allocated specialist teachers and specialist classroom access.

Due to the temporary site of NS being some distance from its permanent location, for one year only, a bus service is being provided for NS students which will transport in the region of half the NS cohort to and from NSB school next year. To help minimise any additional congestion on the Billing Road, NS students will have earlier entry and end times for their school day than NSB students.

External circumstances outside of NSB's control held up the construction of the new buildings at Moulton and siting the temporary accommodation at NSB was the only viable option to ensure that the new school opened on time. This was essential from a townwide perspective, given a huge shortfall in secondary school spaces for this year group. However, the joint occupation will yield numerous advantages to NSB, inclusive of specialist NS staff input into the NSB curriculum, alongside economies of scale and an ease of facilitation of cross school events.

NSB students will largely be separated from NS students throughout the school day. Only the NSB new Year 7 and Sixth Form will share Break with the NS cohort and NS will run a different Lunchtime to NSB. There will be some mixing of NS Year 7 and NSB Year 7 students within extracurricular activities after school and the NSB Trust will look to run a range of joint Trust Extracurricular Arts / Sports / Debating events over the course of the academic year.

All NSB and NS students have already been briefed on relevant information to support the smooth running of both schools from September and expectations will be reiterated at the beginning of next year in assemblies.

The joint location of the two schools on the NSB site will last the maximum of a year - NS will relocate to their new buildings in Moulton by September 1st 2024 at the very latest. The new permanent NS buildings are presently on track to be completed by late April 2024.

I sincerely hope that you and your family have a thoroughly enjoyable summer break and we look forward to seeing all NSB students safely back in September.

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